MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Elsie Arntzen, on January 30, 2007 at 3:13 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)

Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Brady Wiseman, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Duane Ankney (R)

Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)

Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)

Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)

Rep. Betsy Hands (D)

Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)

Rep. Hal Jacobson (D)

Rep. William J. Jones (R)

Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)

Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)

Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

Staff Present: Sonja Lee, Legislative Branch

Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 426, HB 372, 1/24/2007

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 426

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:36 Rep. John (Jack) Ross (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 426, Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:02 Eric Griffin, Director, Department of Lewis and Clark County Public Works

EXHIBIT (loh20a01)

- 00:07:32 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Countys
- 00:08:23 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners
- 00:09:53 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Commissioners, Richland County Economic Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

<u>Questions from Committee Members and Responses</u>:

- 00:11:00 Rep. Stahl
- 00:11:20 Rep. Wiseman
- 00:11:30 Ms. Wood
- 00:12:38 Mr. Morris
- 00:13:51 Rep. Stahl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:08 Rep. Ross

HEARING ON HB 372

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:57 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 372, Revise county treasurer salary.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:18:33 Rhonda Wiggers, County Treasurers Association
- 00:22:32 Dean Roberts, Administrator, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division

Opponents' Testimony: None

<u>Informational Testimony</u>:

00:24:24 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:49 Rep. O'Hara 00:25:06 Mr. Morris 00:26:22 Rep. Kottel 00:27:31 Mr. Morris

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:24 Rep. Ingraham

00:29:35 Chairman Arntzen

00:30:42 Rep. Hands

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:	3:43 P.M.				
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